



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

12th May 2023

Dear Parents,

The second four day week in a row!!! It is amazing what we can cram in. Firstly, I want to say a massive well done to the Year 6 children who have completed their Key Stage 2 Sats tests this week. I think there has been some publicity in the media about how difficult some of these tests have been this year. There was one question in the grammar test that the only people who I've found who can explain the answer were Mr Lowe and my dad. However, the children still seemed to manage to take it all in their stride. You've been amazing Year 6 and here is to a fantastic end of year.

Also, this week, Year 4 went on a great trip to Bekonscott model village. It was a truly cross curricular trip, where they did activities for DT, Literacy, Maths and Art. And on top of that, they managed to avoid the rain. I know the children had a great time but, just as importantly, Mr Weatherill said their behaviour was immaculate.

Over the last two weeks, we have had Mary Philpott, Ruth Gillick and Di Falco from Our Lady's Parish who is in the Legion of Mary working with Matilda and Tue Nhi, two of the Faith Ambassadors, teaching all the classes the rosary. It is such a powerful prayer, so great for the children to think about and to realise that with ten fingers they can say it anytime they like.

Finally, I want to say good luck to the children in St Aidan's this weekend who will be making their First Holy Communion. As Napoleon said, the most important day of their lives. Unfortunately, I can't be there this weekend but I know Mrs Gardner and Mrs Cid-Fuentes are going and some children are singing in the choir. I hope the children have a fantastic day and I will be saying a few extra prayers for them this weekend.

God bless,

M. Holden

Ascension Mass

Some of the feedback from the RE and Catholic Life parent survey that we did earlier in the year was that we needed to give more advanced notice of our school Masses and liturgies. So, in an effort to be better prepared, we are inviting parents to join us at Mass on the Ascension Day -Thursday 18th May – at 9.30 am in Our Lady's Parish. It would be lovely to see many of you there.

Thank you from Ireland

I received this lovely letter from Colm earlier this week for the whole community:

Bunscoil na mBráithre

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Dear Mark and Staff of OLS

As I sit down to write this I do so filled with a sense of gratitude that only these kinds of projects can imbue in a person. When you travel with a group of children you place a degree of faith and trust in the team of the country to which you travel. Having worked with you and your colleagues heretofore we knew to expect nothing less but the warmest of welcomes.

The team at OLS were superb. The warmth of the welcome. The professionalism with which they discharge their duty and the general positivity which permeates the school environment made our trip a joy in a multiplicity of ways. Above all I must compliment your children who were exemplary in all their dealings with our group throughout our time there.

The preparations that were undertaken by the entire school community allied with the incredibly high standard of execution made the whole experience a truly memorable one for our children and our staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special mention to the parents of OLS. We would like to express our most sincere gratitude for their generosity during our time there. The blankets and sleeping bags that came in their droves were invaluable in contributing to the comfort of our group and making our stay as comfortable as possible. Such generosity of spirit is a sign of the fantastic spirit which permeates your school community and one which you can all be incredibly proud of.

We hope to return the favour one day and I would like to take this opportunity to extend a formal invitation to your school to visit ours with a group at some point in the future. It would be our great pleasure to return the incredible hospitality which was afforded to us.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh ó chroí
(Thank you all from the heart)

Colm Davoren and the Erasmus Team

All is well that ends well!!!!

Coronation Cake Off Winners

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Cake Off last week and a special mention to our winners:

Reception – Oliver

KS1 – Isabelle

Lower KS2 – Elodie

Upper KS2 – Connie and Igor

Overall Winner - Oliver

A Message from Ten Ten Resources May 2023

As May begins, we are in the full flow of Eastertide celebrations and the blossoming of Springtime flowers echoes the hope and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus. We look forward in hope and anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, marking the birthday of the Church and a renewal of our mission as followers of Jesus.

May is also traditionally the Month of Mary, with Marian feast days, May processions and a focus on the Rosary. Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother too, and like a good mum who prays for her children, Mary prays for us. She accompanies us in our prayers and is there to walk alongside and encourage us, always leading us to her Son, Jesus.

May is a busy time in the church and it's a busy time in school too! Already children and staff will be starting to evaluate and assess the year and take the first steps to prepare for the coming of a new school year. It's certainly a time for Jesus' Easter gifts of joy, hope, peace and love!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May and suggests ways to support your family prayer times.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Good News Certificates

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Last week's Good News certificates were:


Year 1	Alex, Ann
Year 2	Annie, James
Year 3	Elizabeth, Olive
Year 5	Sabrina, Ben
Year 6	Blazej, Molly

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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 olscheshambois Our faith ambassadors leading the rosary in year 2 #olsfithambassadors #OISbuildingthekingdom
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 olscheshambois Year 4 have written some great non-fiction texts about invertebrates #OLScience
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olscheshambois Year 4 are at @bekonscotofficial getting inspiration for their DT topic 'We are architects' Literacy workshops, maths trails and sketching time going on as well! #OLSdt, #OLSliteracy, #OLSmaths

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olscheshambois Literacy, Maths and DT workshop based on Ted Hughes' book 'The Iron Man' #OLSdt, OLSliteracy, #OLSmaths

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olscheshambois It is great to have Paul from @chilternrangers working with the staff as we get ready for next week's science week where we are going to learn more about butterflies
#OLSScience
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olscheshambois Year five hold a press conference as part of our literacy topic on newspaper reports. Five characters are interviewed after an imaginary charity is impacted by a huge donation from private benefactor #OLSliteracy
#OLSbuildingthekingdom
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Accelerated Reader

	Words Read
Year 6	17,021,158 words
Year 5	13,959,725 words
Year 4	9,296,687 words
Year 3	2,853,591 words

Millionaire Readers

Harry (Year 5)
Pranav (Year 6)
Tue Nhi (Year 6)
Shrikar (Year 6)
Matilda (Year 5)
Curtis (Year 4)
Evelyn (Year 4)
Alex (Year 6)

Double Millionaire Readers

Dominik (Year 4)
Sherlyn (Year 5)
Kenandra (Year 6)

Triple Millionaire Readers

Ula (Year 6)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Hansini
Renske

Year 3

Tamsin
Donnie
Elizabeth
Eleanor
Jude
Karo
Shanaya
Florence
Erin
Chanuga

Year 4

Le0
Ralph
Charlie K
Finlay M-S
Finn
Robert
Emily
Curtis
Zuzannah

Year 5

Leo
Pierce
Sherlyn
Karamo
Xavier
Ellie
Kome
Lena
Ethan
Sabrina
Emilio
Luna

Year 6

Molly
Blazej
Ewan
Lucy
Thomas
Eryk
Alex
Bella
Amelia
Matthew
Pranav